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TO:

FROM:

SUBJ: 1. EICHMANN Trial Visit
2. Cover Relations with

REF: [NFVA] 2134, 2 May 1961
[NFVW] 1147, 12 May 1961

1. [] is in considerable agreement with [NFVW] 1147. He had originally intended to go ahead with a quiet visit, without mentioning it to any colleagues, but in view of his efforts to persuade the Charge and his colleagues to coordinate (in accordance with DIR 3031P, 22 March 1961, and [NFVA] 2132, 2 May 1961), [] decided he better ask the press attache if he had any specific requirements for information on the trial. The press attache was adamant that [] check with the Charge, which [] was then pretty much forced to do. During the discussion with the Charge, the Charge said he couldn't encourage [] to act contrary to instructions which the Embassy had received, but if under certain circumstances [] was forced to go so, then he (the Charge) would of course understand. The Charge added that, although he couldn't give permission, he would not make things difficult if he later found out that [] had acted on his own - nor would he condone it. This seems fair enough.

2. HQ's objection to the revelation of []'s close connection with [] can only be answered by a review of the relationship. [] first met [] at an Embassy party given for KITCHINGHAM on 13 November, and [] had then driven [] and [] back to their hotel. Thus from the beginning, the relationship has been an open one, not unlike similar relationships with others who are not [] such as [] On occasions [] has assisted [] on visa matters, as has been reported.

3. Shortly after the arrival of the new Charge, [] introduced [] to him, and the three chatted at considerable length. Incidentally, the close relationship with [] became somewhat easier to explain when he moved to his new location, not far from [] (at which time, incidentally, [] loaned him his station wagon for the move). In any case, the overt nature of the relationship has had the specific approval of [] as well as [] and [].

4. It has been useful too as a backstop for some of the trips [] and [] have made as guests of [] since it is

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far easier to explain the relationship with [] than the one with [] and [] has concealed the existence of his close relationship with []. Thus the trip to visit the Beduin ([WPVA] 2126, 27 April 1961) was ostensibly arranged by [] GODDARD. Further, as far as WALLIMAN's children are concerned, [] is an employee of the office which [] heads.

5. It is not without bearing on this matter that HQS once suggested that [] invite [] with whom his relationship is much more professional and substantive, and yet much harder to explain, to a select luncheon with [] who was much more suspicious and nosier than his replacement ([WPVA] 650, 11 July 1959). [] did not go ahead with the luncheon, but if the suggestion had involved [] rather than [] he undoubtedly could have.

6. To answer para 4 of [WPVA] 1147, [] stated categorically on 23 May that no tickets to the trial were available in Tel Aviv, and that the only way they could be obtained was by visiting the Tourist Information Office in Jerusalem, where they were provided on a first-come, first-served basis. [] saw the sign in the window of that office, which at the time indicated there was a several days delay before tickets were available). [] added that there were now 60 seats available for tourists, since some space originally occupied by newsmen was free, so 120 were visiting the trial each day. He said no trial tickets were available anywhere else, but added that there was a constant stream of letters from abroad, asking how to get tickets. The answer in every case suggested that the person visit the Tourist Information Office in Jerusalem, where chances were good that a ticket could be obtained without too much delay.

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